

Walden Reserve Park
Droop Mountain

State Park
Conservation

A mimeographed copy of
The "Cannon Ball" dated July 31, 1936

An interesting account of the
work done by the CCC boys
at Camp Bruce - Droop Mountain
The system of roads - the battle
described - etc

WILDERNESS BECOMES PARK

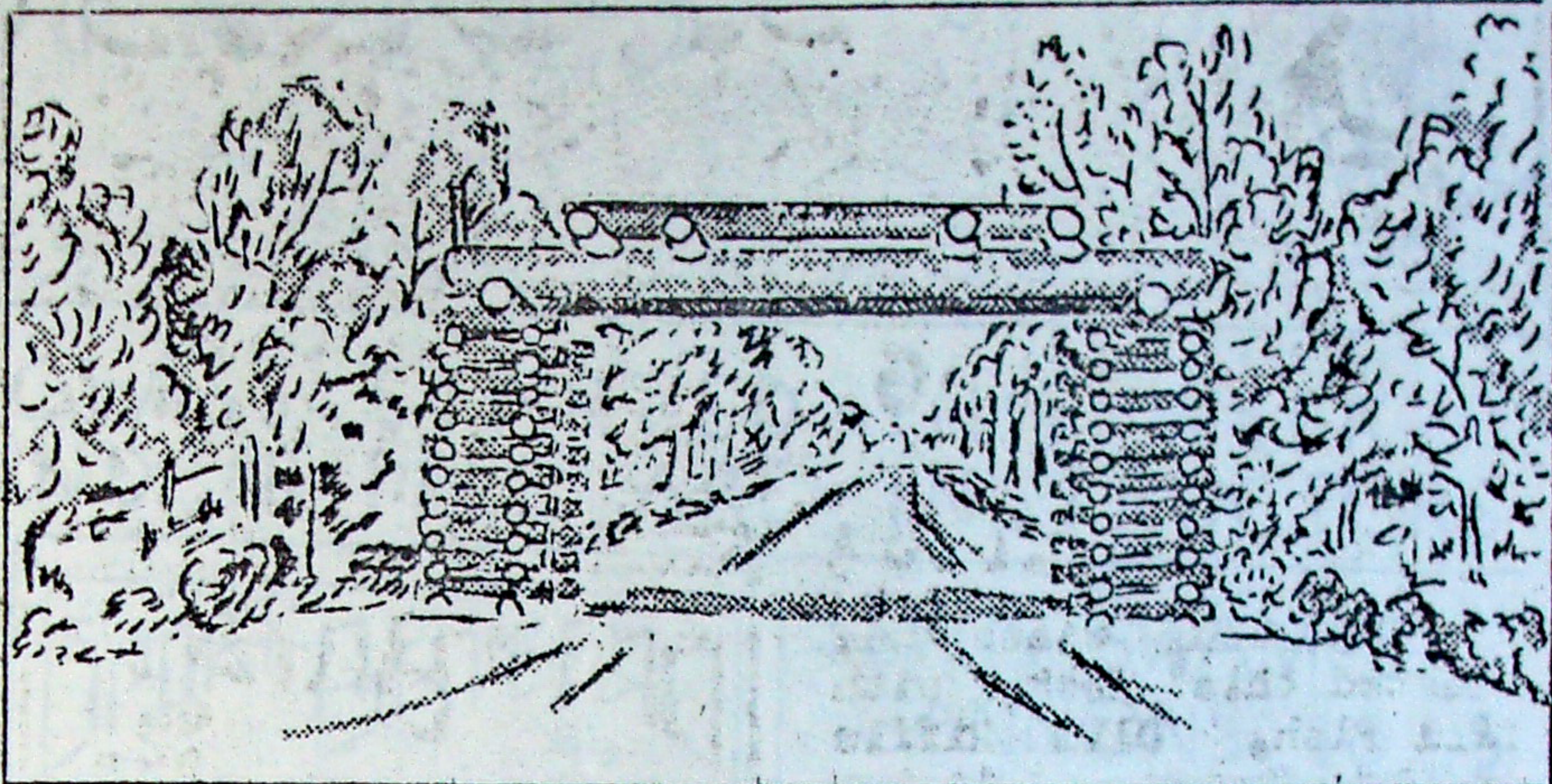
BOYS DO GREAT WORK IN YEAR

One year ago Droop Mountain Battlefield was a wilderness. There were a few monuments and graves, that for many years had been neglected. Two small signs along the road were all that told travelers that an important Civil War battle had been fought here.

On July 29, 1935 a CCC Company, 2598, located here and within a few weeks, there was a great change. This change is still going on. Some of the work has been completed but a great deal more is yet to be done.

When travelers now go along Route # 219, and get near the Battle Field, they first notice the beautiful log fence, that outlines the park. As they drive on down the road, the log portals are seen. We think they are the most beautiful entrances to a CCC camp in the state. Good roads lead through these portals and into first, the picnic area. This area has been cleared of underbrush, but all of nature's beauty has been left. Picnic tables, shelters, ovens, and toilets have been constructed throughout the park area. All of these conveniences have been built out of material of a rustic nature.

One year ago Briery Knob was just a beautiful mountain to gaze at an expanse of wilderness cutting off all probability of ascension. Today a road will take the traveler



"THE PORTALS"
ENTRANCE TO DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

within a short distance of the fire tower and to all of the glory and beauty that nature has so bountifully bestowed upon our state, especially in this section. From the tower on Briery Knob, one can see all of the surrounding country and even some distance into the state of Virginia.

Foot paths have been constructed in the park leading the traveler to the different spots of interest in the park. All of the graves have been carefully outlined with rocks, the old breastworks have been restored, and paths lead to all of the monuments, and throughout the park area.

Thousands of trees have been planted by the enrollees, principally spruce, hemlock, white-pine, and walnut. In time these trees will add much to the scenic beauty of the park.

Within a few weeks, another beauty spot in the park will be open to the public. This is the

lookout house on the point east of camp, overlooking the Greenbrier Valley. When completed, this log observation tower will afford visitors the best scenic view in this vicinity.

The system of roads of the park are very well constructed and one can now drive to all of the points of interest, entering one portal and going out the other.

All of the work in the park has been done by the CCC boys under the able direction of Supt. Kolloy and the following foresters: Bruce Conrad, L.A. Remage, Joe McMillion, Charles Hanrahan, Arthur Sharp, Joe White, Harry Gum, F. H. Wilfong and M. L. Lilly.

Camp Price and the entire park are always open to visitors, and on weekends or holidays, enrollees will be glad to point out the points of interest, both historical and scenic. If you have not yet visited the park, come and see it.



SPORTS



SWIMMING CLASS STARTED THIS WEEK FISH AND RIFFLE ARE INSTRUCTORS

30 ENROLLED

A swimming class was started this week, with Bill Fish, Olin Riffle and Mr. Workman as instructors. Thirty are enrolled in the class which meets twice each week.

The class is for those who can't swim at all or can swim very little. The class has been making fine progress and it is expected that before the summer is over, every boy in camp will know how to swim. Those who progress rapidly will be taught the more complicated strokes. All of the boys will be taught the dog-paddle, back and side-stroke.

A class in the crawl stroke, for advanced swimmers, will be started next Saturday afternoon. This class will also have some life saving instruction.

PRICE ALL STARS BEAT CANNONS 7-6

The Price All-Stars, composed of members of the base ball team, defeated the Cannons in a soft ball game at Hillsboro, last week. The final score was 7-6. In the 6th, the score was tied 6 all, when Noble, pitching for the All-Stars, made the run that won the game for the baseballers.

SPORT BRIEFS

by
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CROWNS OPEN

With Lyndell Harold leaving camp, three of the camp championships will again be open to all comers, namely - pool, ping-pong and checkers. Just who will become the champ in these indoor sports will probably not be decided before fall when indoor sports are again in season.

VOLLEY BALL FAVORITE SPORT

Volley ball has become the favorite sport for many enrollees. Ever evening a large crowd is playing and a still larger crowd watching. No. 1 Barrack boys claim that they have the best team in camp, but Rookie Hughes is a big addition to any team. Littleton, Riffle, Morrison, Jividen & Bennett are all good.

A league of volley ball teams will be formed in the near future and a regular schedule of games will be played to determine the best team of the camp.

LEWIS SWAMPS CANNONS 18-5

Camp Lewis last Saturday swamped the Cannons in the last sector soft ball game of the season, 18-5. The Cannons were scoreless until the 6th inning.

Green, playing short field for the visitors, played one of the best games seen this season. He collected 3 hits, one a home run and made two sensational catches.

The box score is as follows:

CAMP LEWIS	AB	R	H	E
Chapman, 1b	3	2	1	1
Duff, 2b	5	4	4	1
Taylor, lf	5	3	0	0
Green, sf	5	2	3	0
Ray, rf	5	1	1	0
Bragg, p	3	1	0	0
Brady, p	2	1	0	1
Fury, ss	4	2	1	1
Wissinger, cf	4	1	0	0
Steinbeck, c	2	1	1	0
Coberly, 3b	3	0	0	1
TOTALS		18	10	5
CAMP PRICE	AB	R	H	E
Morrison, c	4	1	1	0
Ambrose, 2b	3	0	0	0
Brown, lf	3	1	0	0
Jividen, lb	3	0	1	1
Alt, ss	3	0	0	4
Riffle, sf	3	0	0	0
R. Johnson, 3b	3	0	2	1
Lockhart, rf	3	1	0	0
Bartram, cf	3	1	0	1
J. Johnson, p	3	1	0	0
TOTALS		5	4	7

DIARY OF COMPANY 2598

(CONTINUED FROM
LAST ISSUE)

In the last issue we told how the cadre was formed and the camp was built. The diary now goes on in detail.

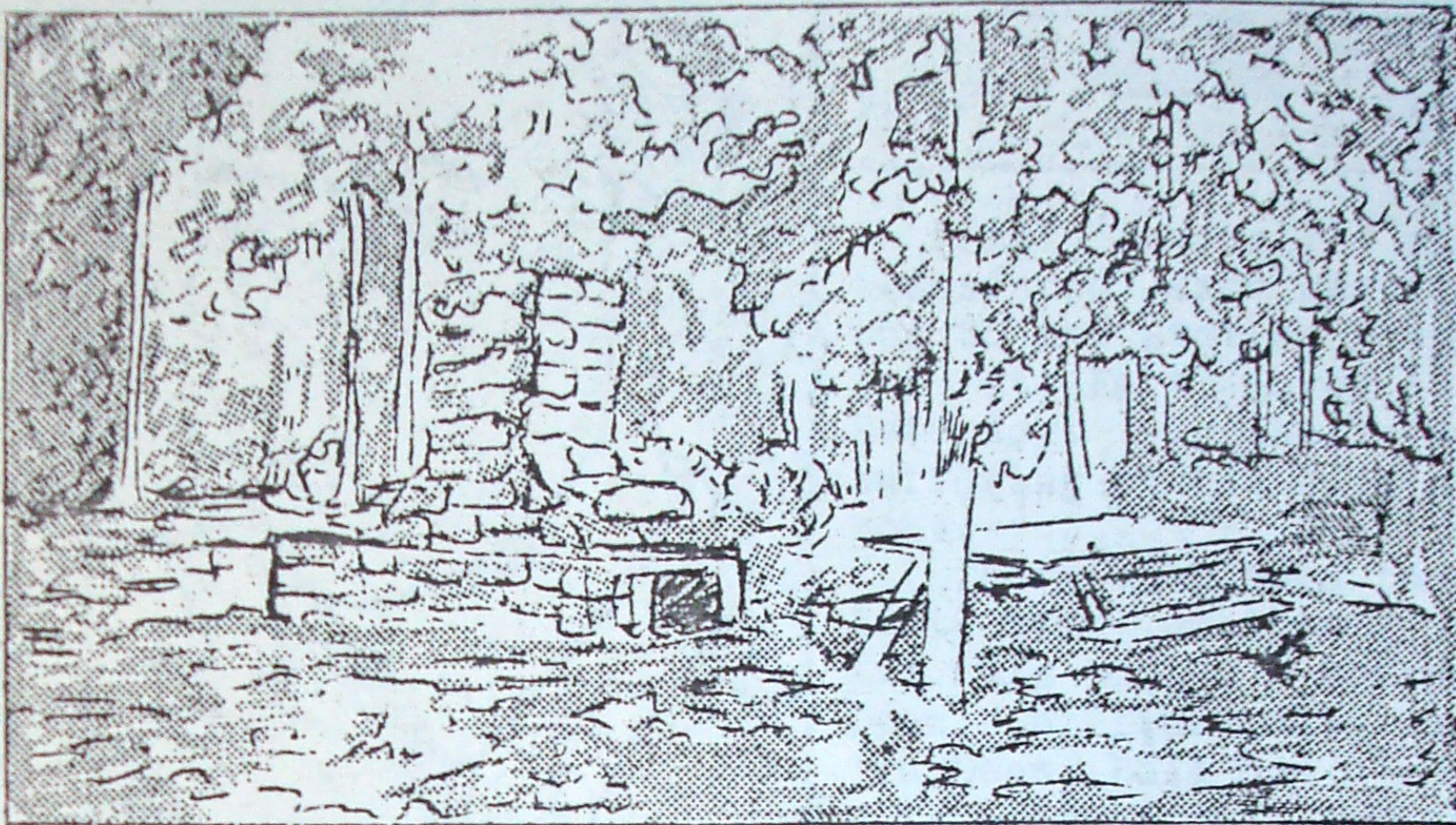
On January 12th, the most exciting experience of the company took place 55 enrollees were transferred to Black Canyon Siding, Idaho. All boys were given the opportunity to go. About 100 decided to sign up. From this number the 55 were selected. It was a touching scene. Many of the boys had been in camp together for a long time and quite a few tears were shed when they came to the parting of ways.

Lt. Cullipher the camp surgeon, was transferred to Neola on January 25th, and Lt. Tillman, of Black Mountain, began his daily visits to Camp Price.

During March the camp Ping-Pong tournament was held. 24 of the camp's best players took part, and Lyndell Harold was the winner. During March two pool tables were purchased and the Recreation Hall began to take on a real appearance. During the last week of March, seven enrollees were sent from Camp Price to help with the flood relief in Wheeling.

On April 3rd, the Sector Ping-Pong tournament was held here. Our contingent was nosed out early in the race. Tony Sues of Camp Seibert won the tournament.

On April 15th, the camp was quarantined for in-



THE PICNIC AREA

fluenza, when 59 enrollees had serious colds, several of which developed into pneumonia. Three of our members died, Harlan Ramsey, Willard Addington, and Earl Cains. The quarantine was lifted after 12 days, amid much rejoicing.

On April 15th, Camp Price was transferred from the Marlinton Sector to the Lewisburg Sector.

On May 6th, Lyndell Harold won the camp Pool tournament, with Bill Harris as runner up.

Thirty boys took the examination for Junior Assistant to Technician, on May 16th.

By the last of May, the picnic area was finished, and many visitors came to the park to see it.

During May, a soft and base ball team was organized and played a schedule of games with other teams in the sector. Price won 3 and lost 7, both in base and soft ball. But all during June and July, baseball and soft ball were the main interests of the camp. The teams enjoyed their trips, and

although they did not win all of their games, they did enjoy visiting the other camps.

During the winter, due to an economy program, there were no trucks for recreation. The first of June this order was canceled, and there was much rejoicing as trucks again went to town on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

On July 30th, Lt. Merendino, who had been with the company since its inception, was transferred to Clarksburg, and Lt. Staub was assigned to Co. 2598.

On August 1, the first anniversary celebration was held. Several hundred visitors were at camp for dinner, and many more came during the afternoon to hear the speeches and to take a truck trip up Briery Knob to see the Fire Tower and the road that enrollees had built.

Dances were held that night. Number 2 barracks gaily decorated, held the round dance, and square dancing was done in the Recreation Hall. All had a very good time.